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LETTER DATED 4 OCTOBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AFGHANISTAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instruction from H.E. Mr. Najibullah Lafraie, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, I have the honour to transmit a letter dated 3 October 1994 from H.E. Mr. Najibullah Lafraie addressed to you in your capacity as President of the Security Council for the month of October.

I would appreciate if arrangements could be made for its distribution as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ravan FARHADI
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 3 October 1994 from the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour respectfully to bring the following to your attention in your capacity as President of the Security Council of the month of October.

In spite of a number of Afghan initiatives and approaches through bilateral and multilateral channels aimed at stopping Uzbekistan's clear interference in its internal affairs and interventions on the territory of Afghanistan, regrettably, once again it is noticed that Uzbekistan is resorting to renewed and wider-ranging hostile actions in clear violation of the internationally accepted norms concerning relations among States. As announced in the past, Uzbekistan has been providing the opposition elements of Afghanistan with extensive military facilities from the port of Termez, a city situated in Uzbekistan on the right bank of the Oxus, including heavy and light weaponry and ammunition.

Your attention and that of the Security Council is hereby draw to the fact that, according to the available evidence, following the set-back of the Dostum militia forces in the strategic passage of Irganak, Kunduz Province, a number of war-planes from the armed forces of Uzbekistan conducted numerous military missions from Termez base on Tuesday, 27, Wednesday, 28 and Thursday, 29 September 1994, violating Afghan airspace and bombarding the city of Kunduz as well as its outskirts.

As a result of these aggressive air raids, a large number of the innocent civilian population have been killed and wounded and many houses have been demolished. Subsequent to these acts of aggression, evidence proved the existence of four aircraft provided in the course of the last 10 days by the Uzbekistan authorities to Dostum militias. The aircraft are presently stationed at the Sheberghan base.

In view of the continued occurrence of these violations, Afghanistan believes that the possibility of assigning a United Nations monitoring team to the border between the two countries should be seriously considered.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan delivered a letter of protest to the Uzbek authorities on 3 October 1994.

Based upon its deep conviction and respect for the internationally accepted norms governing relations among States and in the meantime on the basis of Afghanistan's desire not only to maintain but to expand friendly relations with its neighbours, anticipating that you, on behalf of the Security Council, will draw the attention of the Uzbek authorities to the consequences of their acts of aggression against Afghanistan and ensure their termination, Afghanistan at this stage has refrained from resorting to any reprisal.

For the sake of the record, it is to be emphasized that, in the event of a recurrence of such hostile action and aggression, Afghanistan will undertake appropriate actions.

At the time when Afghanistan is engaged in undertaking measures and programmes for ensuring ever more peace and stability in the country through the elimination and purge of those elements that continue to disturb peace and normalcy for their heinous ambitions, on the basis of a committed sense of friendship and good neighbourliness, Afghanistan is expecting its neighbours to be supportive of the national efforts for peace and stability under way in the country.

(Signed) Najibullah LAFRAIE
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs